

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
December 1, 2010

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (75/84)
Eugene Leapley (51/57)
Maria Greenberg (13/14)
Lou Spacco (10/10)
John Hitzel (8/10)
Sarah Wamack (3/3)
Fred Pazona (1/1)

Present

William Dryburgh
Eugene Leapley
Maria Greenberg
Lou Spacco
John Hitzel
Sarah Wamack
Fred Pazona

County Representatives

John Jackson, Director
Bob Starr, Commission Liaison
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

Dick Whitney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Dryburgh welcomed new member, Fred Pazona to the Board.

I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. Division Reports

Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.

III. New Business

- Complaints received regarding noise at the Oyster Creek Regional Park during events
 - Written into the contracts now will be “no music after 10 pm”
- John Hitzel ask about BMX maintenance costs
 - BMX State Qualifier - April 1 - 3, 2011, anticipated 500 riders equals 2000 participants
 - Agreement with BMX since 1989, haven't cost the County much money
 - The BMX organization supported the upgrade of the track; BCC funded \$23,000; Commissioner Starr feels the return on the investment is worthwhile
 - Amanda Carr, President, Organizer of BMX organization, is trying out for the 2012 Olympics
 - Commissioner Starr feels this is a great opportunity
 - Board members will received VIP invitations to this event

IV. Old Business

▪ **Parking Meters Update**

- Proposal is still in draft form; being reviewed
- New fines approved by the BCC; formerly \$118 now \$30, the County is getting the same amount as before from the fines

▪ **RFP for Sports Park Management**

- December 14 going to BCC to authorize negotiations with Ripken/Rays
- Intent to create efficiency of operations
- Fred Pazona suggested Parks & Recreation man a booth at the stadium to distribute literature/coupons to increase marketing of the parks and County programs; Commissioner Starr said it is not in the contract but he will ask the Rays if we could market the County at the stadium during games. The Director felt that there would be three organizations involved: Park & Recreation, Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce.

▪ **December 14th BCC Agenda; 2 Items for Approval**

- School Board Interlocal Agreement; 4 uses of the Event Center included
- Sports Park Landscaping Agreement for general grounds maintenance; will be maintained at a higher level

▪ **Placida Boat Ramp Extension Land Acquisition**

- Newly assessed at \$5.6 million (purchased for \$3 million)

▪ **O'Donnell Park - Disc Golf Controversy**

- Commission Starr talked about Fox 4 and NBC 2 interviews he did Sunday night regarding the people upset with the perceived loss of holes for disc golf; a very vocal group. Commissioner Starr feels he has it straightened out now.
- Commissioner Starr wants to know the number of golfers actually playing there on the weekends
- Lou Spacco stated that at the last meeting the group was told that they are not going to loose any holes and that the County would be willing to assist them if they would officially organize.

V. Sports Council Update

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Mid-County Library

VI. Member Issues

- Eugene Leapley expressed his thanks for work at Harbor Heights Park and about a golf cart being used at the park; gentleman was very belligerent.
 - The Director will check the ordinance regarding golf carts in parks
- Lou Spacco read in the newspaper about tours at Thornton Key by CHEC. The Director said that we will be working closer with CHEC integrating programs so the public can get the full experience of the county.
- Lou Spacco attended the dedication at Veterans Park (NCRP) on Veterans Day. The VFW did an excellent job with the monuments and the event. The Director gave credit to Mike Koenig for developing the relationship with the VFW for this dedication.

VII. Director's Report

- JM Berlin/Rotary Skate Park
 - RFP came back 11/30/10 with one response
 - Unusual response, run it for free, not charge the skaters using an educational approach
 - Temporary staffing at the skate park begins today with seasonal staff
- Kiwanis Park - Army Corp of Engineers
 - Still waiting for the permit
 - Work continues in the other areas of the park

VIII. Citizen Input

- Dick Whitney, Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee, confirmed Joint meeting dates of April and October 2011. They also approved a motion to recommend to the BCC the new proposed collection method of payment for parking at the beaches/boat ramps. The Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee went on a field trip yesterday to Naples and Marco Island. They toured several beach projects and found the information useful in relation to Stump Pass.

IX. Announcements

- Nominations will be entertained for Chairman and Vice Chairman at the January 2011 meeting

X. Upcoming Events

- Events as listed on the Agenda

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:50 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Robert Skidmore, District 1
Commissioner Adam Cummings, District 2
Commissioner Robert Starr, District 3
Commissioner Richard Loftus, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator